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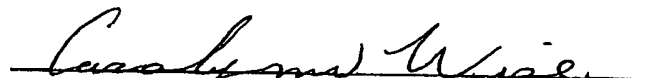
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RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 6, 2001 in connection with the above referenced application, please consider the following remarks.

REMARKS

Applicants elect to prosecute the claims of group 1, claims 1-15.

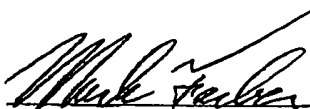
Despite the election, applicants traverse the restriction requirement. It is respectfully submitted that the Examiner should reconsider is the election of species requirement in view of the fact that the separate classification of the subject matter under the classification system of the United States Patent and Trademark Office is not conclusive proof of divisibility and further that the entire application must be examined as a whole when there would not be a serious burden on the Examiner. The fields of search are believed to be co-extensive for the three groups identified by the Examiner.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned should he believe this would expedite prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: _____

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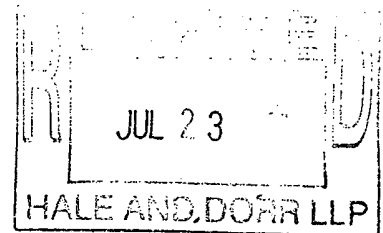
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